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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James Morrow

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Title:

RECONFIGURABLE GAMING MACHINE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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37 CFR § 1.131 Declaration of Prior Invention

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I, James Morrow, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a co-inventor of claims 1-59 in the above-referenced patent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/967,283), and I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein. Robert Miodunski is the other co-inventor.
- 2. Prior to June 1, 2001, we had completed our invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, as evidenced by the following:
- A. Prior to June 1, 2001, having earlier conceived the idea of a triple view, reconfigurable gaming machine, I instructed Joe Cole of Cole Industries, Inc. to make a prototype of this machine to my specifications. This is evidenced by the Cole Industries, Inc. invoice, which documents the completed prototype being delivered to Bally Gaming, Inc. prior to June 1, 2001. A copy of the invoice is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- B. As can be seen from the photographs of the completed triple view, reconfigurable gaming machine, which are attached hereto as Exhibits B and C, Cole Industries,

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Inc. properly completed their assignment to produce a fully functional prototype of our triple view, reconfigurable gaming machine, in accordance with my instructions.

- 3. Each of the dates deleted from Exhibits A, B, and C is prior to June 1, 2001.
- 4. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bally Gaming & Systems

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Enclosures (Exhibits A-C)